

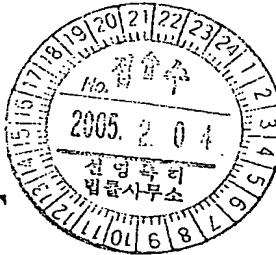
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11, 14, 17, 19	YES
	Claims	12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: KR 2000-31906 A

D2: US 6,664,523 B1

D1 relates to a microwave oven comprising a cooking chamber, a door for opening/closing said chamber, a high voltage transformer for generating high voltages, a magnetron for generating microwaves and further includes a microswitch serving as a detector for detecting the opening/closing of the cooking chamber, a control device for outputting a driving signal corresponding to the detected opening/closing of the chamber, and an opening/closing device for controlling a power source for supplying power to the high voltage transformer according to reception of the driving signal.

Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 relate to a latch board of a microwave oven comprising a monitor switch operated by a first lever, a circuit switch operated by a second lever, a first lever hinge, a second lever hinge and a protrusion at the first lever.

Comparing claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 with D1, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to derive claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 from D1.

Therefore, claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 20 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

Claim 1 is characterized in that in the course of inserting of the latch, the monitor switch begins to work before the circuit switch and that in the course of seceding of the latch, the circuit switch begins to work before the monitor switch. Neither D1 nor D2 discloses said characteristics of claim 1.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step, and the subject matter of claims 2-11 which depend on claim 1 is also considered to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

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